

THE MYSORE ECONOMIC CONFERENCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 36TH MEETING OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, MYSORE ECONOMIC
CONFERENCE, HELD IN THE PUBLIC OFFICE BUILDINGS, BANGALORE,
ON SATURDAY, THE 18TH NOVEMBER, 1915.

PRESENT.

Rajamantrapravina H. V. Nanjundayya, Esq., M.A., M.L., C.I.E. (Chairman.)

1. Rajasabhabhushana Karpur Shrinivasrav, Esq., B.Sc., L.C.E.
2. Rao Bahadur M. Shama Rao, Esq., M.A.
3. M. Humza Hussain, Esq., B.A., B.L.
4. Revd. E. W. Thompson, M.A.
5. S. Venkatesiah, Esq., B.A., B.L.
6. M. Venkatakrishnayya, Esq.
7. M. Basava Iya, Esq., B.A., B.L.
8. V. Subramanya Iyer, Esq., B.A.
9. S. V. Setti, Esq., B.A., ETC.

ABSENT.

1. Dr. L. C. Coleman, M.A., PH.D.
2. K. Chandy, Esq., B.A.

Distribution of subjects.

Consideration of notes on subjects in the programme.

Consideration of methods for spreading correct information.—That it is desirable to consider the methods needed for spreading correct information about the outer world and the essential statistics relating to health, etc., in important foreign countries.

Primary Education.—Study of compulsory areas.

The proceedings of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read and confirmed.

Some of the subjects in the programme of the Committee for the current year having been taken up by the members, the remaining subjects were also distributed as shown in the statement annexed.

Copies of notes drawn up by the Secretary to the Committee on the subjects had been circulated among the members for an expression of opinion as to whether action might be taken on the lines indicated without further reference to the Committee. It was resolved that the notes might be used by the members when drawing up notes on the subjects they had taken up and that action might be taken there on by the Secretary. It was also suggested that they might be printed and copies supplied to members.

The Secretary informed the members that this was a subject referred to the Committee and that practicable steps were taken by means of the Economic Journal, lectures and leaflets. He also said that certain Heads of Departments had been requested to furnish the Committee from time to time with information relating to foreign countries. It was, therefore, resolved that there was nothing further to be done for the present.

The following were the propositions submitted by Mr. Thompson for the consideration of the Committee:—

- (a) That it is essential to have one Central authority for the administration of the Compulsory Act within the Mysore City area.
- (b) That the Municipal Council in its Education Committee appears to be the best authority which can be constituted for the area.

- (c) That, whatever temporary arrangements made for bringing the act into immediate operation the policy should be followed of erecting well designed buildings capable of accommodating schools of a considerable size in which several teachers are employed upon the staff, and
- (d) That there is an excessive number of persons authorised to give certificates of exemption within the Municipal area and that, in the interests of effective working their number should be reduced.

The first and second propositions were not pressed by the member as the principles enunciated in them had already been recognised by Government. The third proposition was accepted and the last one dropped as it did not meet with the approval of the Committee.

The chief points in the note drawn up on the subject by Mr. S. Venkatesiah also were the following :—

- (a) that school fees should not be levied in places where education is compulsory but that an educational cess should be levied in the compulsory area, and
- (b) that compulsory education may be tried in larger areas such as whole taluks.

As the note had not been circulated among the members it was resolved that the same might be brought up at the next meeting.

With reference to this proposition brought up at the recent Conference and referred to this Committee, it was brought to notice that the course suggested was being followed.

As regards this proposition, the Committee were of opinion that there was no particular reason to give the Tumkur District a preferential treatment as at present it was not behind any other district in this respect.

It was resolved that Messrs. M. Shama Rao, Karpur Shrinivasray and C. Krishna Rao should form themselves into a Sub-Committee and that they should be requested to select subjects for about half a dozen books and pamphlets out of those mentioned, to suggest remuneration to be paid for each book and to mention also the names of probable writers.

It was further resolved that a report on the above points might be submitted before the next meeting.

The Secretary informed the Committee that District Committees had been requested to send lists of names of towns and villages

School buildings in villages.—That half the cost of school buildings may be granted by Government, according to the rules of last year in order that many new school buildings may be erected very quickly in villages.

Extension of Primary Education in the Tumkur District, with greater rapidity.

Publication of books.—(1) Consideration of measures necessary for writing small pamphlets and books on essentials, etc.

(2) Consideration of measures to be taken to induce private authors to prepare books required.

(3) Publication of books in Kannada on economic, scientific and commercial subjects.

Libraries and Reading Rooms.—Starting libraries in places other than Bangalore and Mysore.

Education of adults.—To take special measures for training adults in continuation Schools, Improvement Schools, etc.

Special grant for the night school at Shikarpur.

Female education.—(1) To encourage the formation of home education classes.

(2) That in Girls' Schools sewing be taught in preference to singing.

Normal training.—(a) Study of present facilities and suggestion of increased facilities.

(b) Training teachers while in service.

Agricultural education.—Training village school masters in Sericulture and Agriculture.

in their districts which were prepared to have libraries, etc., and the facilities available locally and that the District Committees of Shimoga and Hassan had complied. It was suggested, in this connection, that a well considered scheme had already been submitted to Government and that further progress depended, therefore, on its disposal.

It was suggested that the notes by the members might be awaited.

It was resolved that this proposal might be transferred to the Inspector-General of Education for disposal according to the rules under the Grant-in-aid Code.

It was resolved that Mr. Humza Hussain's note might be awaited and the subject considered at the next meeting.

The proposition was thrown out as the majority of the members were against the proposal.

Mr. Thompson said he would send up his suggestions in the form of resolutions and that the consideration of his note circulated already might, therefore, be postponed to the next meeting.

It was resolved that, as the scheme was already before Government, no further action need be taken at present.

The report of the Sub-Committee, copies of which had already been circulated, was considered. As regards training in Sericulture, the Committee endorsed the opinion that, for reasons mentioned, the experiment might be left to the Agricultural Committee of the Economic Conference. In regard to giving training in Agriculture the sense of the meeting was that the present practice should be pursued. It was also stated that a scheme for improving Agricultural Education had already been submitted to Government.

The meeting then terminated.

C. KRISHNA RAO,
Secretary.

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